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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT DECLARATION

REF: NEW DELHI 18395

1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS REVIEWED THE INDIAN PROPOSAL OF DECEMBER 23 FOR A DELHI DECLARATION. THE SUBSTANCE IS ACCEPTABLE AND WE HAVE ONLY MINOR STYLISTIC REVISIONS TO MAKE. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO KEEP OPEN THE INCLUSION OF A STATEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS SET FORTH IN THE LIST IN OUR PROPOSED VERSION. HE AND DR. BRZEZINSKI WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE INDIAN SIDE IN NEW DELHI.

2. THERE FOLLOWS A STYLISTIC REWRITE OF THE INDIAN TEXT OF DECEMBER 23 WHICH WE HAVE DONE TO MAKE IT A BIT SIMPLER AND MORE BROADLY UNDERSTANDABLE. THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES PROPOSED AND THIS REWRITE DOES NOT, OF COURSE, INCLUDE A LISTING OF RIGHTS. THORNTON WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY INDIAN COUNTERPROPOSALS ON SATURDAY (BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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PREFERABLY NOT TOO EARLY, GIVEN HIS LATE ARRIVAL TIME).

3. BEGIN TEXT:

INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DESPITE DIFFERENCES OF HISTORY AND CULTURE, ARE ONE IN THE RECOGNITION THAT THE ULTIMATE SANCTION OF POWER AND OF PUBLIC POLICY RESTS

IN RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND PURSUIT OF PERSONAL WELL-BEING. REGARDLESS OF RACE, SEX, RELIGION OR SOCIAL STATUS, EVERY HUMAN BEING IS ENTITLED TO LIFE AND LIBERTY, TO FREEDOM FROM WANT AND, WITHOUT THREAT OR COERCION, TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND WORSHIP.

WE SHARE AN UNWAVERING FAITH IN THE DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH GUARANTEES TO ALL CITIZENS FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS UNDER LAW, AND THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT A COOPERATIVE AND STABLE WORLD ORDER DEPENDS ON THE RIGHT OF EACH PEOPLE TO DETERMINE ITS OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT, AND EACH NATION ITS OWN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES.

WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION HAS DEMOCRATIZED THE INTERNATIONAL STATE-SYSTEM, GIVING MOST NATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING THE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM.

THE DISPARITIES IN ECONOMIC STRENGTH THAT EXIST AMONG NATIONS MUST BE BRIDGED AND A MORE EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER FASHIONED IF WE ARE TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

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WE RECOGNIZE THAT BROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL FOR A MODERN STATE, BUT ALSO THAT SUCH PROGRESS IS HOLLOW IF ITS BENEFITS DO NOT REACH ALL THE PEOPLE.

THE PRESENT-DAY WORLD COMMANDS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS TO ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND GIVE GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHIN AND AMONG NATIONS. WE CALL ON AN INTERDEPENDENT COMMUNITY OF NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT AND NURTURE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF OUR PLANET'S RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.

WE DECLARE THAT WAR IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE MEANS TO SETTLE POLITICAL DISPUTES. OUR COUNTRIES WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH OTHERS AMICABLY AND, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO HELP IN RESOLVING THE DISPUTES OF OTHERS.

THE SPECTRE OF WAR HAS HUNG OVER THE WORLD FOR TOO LONG. EXISTING STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MUST BE REDUCED AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATED, AND THE DANGER OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MUST BE ARRESTED. WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THESE ENDS. FURTHER, EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO

PROGRESSIVELY REDUCE CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND TO REDIRECT
THE PRODUCTIVE FORCES SO RELEASED TO THE BETTERMENT OF
MANKIND.

BEYOND THE REALMS OF POLITICS AND ECONOMICS, THE WORLD
TODAY AFFORDS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FREER AND FULLER
INTELLECTUAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. FREEDOM OF IDEAS
AND THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC INTERPLAY, IN
A WORLD WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR, CAN CREATE AN
ENVIRONMENT WHERE TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING CAN FLOURISH.

BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL IDEAS OF STATECRAFT, INDIANS AND
AMERICANS RECOGNIZE AN OBLIGATION TO THEMSELVES AND TO
OTHERS THAT ENDS CAN NEVER JUSTIFY EVIL MEANS. NATIONS,
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